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Third annual First Night Fest will end 1996 with family-style fun

Elk Point's third annual First Night Festival is just over a week away, with a full afternoon of family-style events planned for Tuesday, December 31.

Five venues will see a variety of things to do, from skating and curling to a penny carnival, from visiting shut-ins to entertainment, winding up with a gala fireworks display. And best of all, all events are free of charge!

Events which have been confirmed to this point include:

A. G. Ross Arena, 5326-51 St.:

Wagon or sleigh rides, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Straw bale mazes, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Firearms display, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Family skating, 4:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Face painting, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Popcorn the Clown, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Fireworks finale, 7:00 p.m.

Elk Point Library, 5123 - 50 Ave.:

Scouts Penny Carnival, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Elk Point Curling Club, 5118 - 49 Ave.:

Family curling challenges and free curling, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Popcorn the Clown, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Elk Point Health Centre and

Parkview Extended Care, 5221-52 Ave.

Visiting residents, refreshments and cards, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Popcorn the Clown, 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Seniors Recreation Centre, 4813 - 51 Ave.

A variety of entertainment by local musicians and dancers, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Watch next week's paper for an event update.



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS -- Elk Point Lioness Club members spent last Thursday evening wrapping a mountain of gifts and filling boxes with the materials for a hearty and festive Christmas dinner, which will go to less fortunate families in the area courtesy of the Santas Anonymous program. Eight pairs of willing hands made short work of the job.

All is calm, all is bright: Elk Point lights up for Christmas

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce judges had an even more difficult time than usual judging the annual Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest.

So many homes had outstanding displays of lights and decorations that the decision was made to award two prizes for first, two for second and two for third in the Residential category. Tied for first place were Walter and Marie Lesyk's home on 54A Street, with sparkle lights on bushes nicely color coordinated with the larger lights ringing the rooftop, Santa, a family of snowmen, garlands and other

decor adding up to a very pretty scene, and Len and Diane Cole, 51 Avenue, who have added a slab-sided manger scene with golden rays emanating from a star overhead, to their sizeable display.

Second place was split by Joe and Jeanne Miller and Bill and Adella Jennissen, both of whom have animated figures as part of their bright and colorful displays. Tied for third were John and Cheryl Dzerdz, with no less than seven outdoor Christmas trees lit to coordinate with the arches on the front of their home, and Don and Sylvia Conrad, who

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Snow removal, off-road vehicles get updated bylaws

The Town of Elk Point is going into the New Year with brand new snow removal, off road vehicle and fire department bylaws, but without guidelines in place to regulate the amount of hydrocarbon which is allowed to be discharged into the Town's sanitary sewers by business outflows. An amount of 25 mg/l had been suggested, but Council is still looking into what measures to take to enforce the regulation. Mayor Ed Buck "wants some insurance" that this material will not be discharged in larger amounts, and has tabled the matter pending legal advice.

Snow Removal Bylaw 577/96 basically says "clean the sidewalks in front of your home or place of business," according to Town Manager Curt Svendsen. The Town has plenty of sidewalks of their own, and discussion took place regarding priorities for removing snow from these.

Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw 579/96 rescinds a previous bylaw from the 1970s and outlines when, where and how off-road vehicles may be operated in Town limits. It includes a requirement to wear an approved helmet when operating these machines. It was noted that the Elk Point RCMP have a snowmobile equipped with

lights, siren and radar with which to enforce the bylaw.

Fire Department Bylaw 578/96 spells out the responsibility of the Fire Chief.

A tabled item regarding the development of tobacco bylaws for the community was scrapped, with Council agreeing that the federal regulations limiting the sale of tobacco were sufficient.

A bid for a parcel of highway commercial land owned by the Town was discussed at length, however there were a number of problems with it. Firstly, the proposed use is not within the zoning guidelines for that parcel. The Town has industrial land for sale and does not want the small amount of remaining highway commercial property used for that type of business.

Secondly, the price was far below what the Town was asking and other companies have been paying full price for lots in recent months. Finally, the parcel would have to be subdivided if the purchaser did not wish to pay the asking price for the entire parcel.

A new Public Works employee will be starting on January 2.

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Second annual Tree of Hope glows with love

By Carolyn Onusko

Elk Point Health Centre

The large spruce tree outside the main lobby at the Elk Point Health Centre is aglow with lights. Thanks to the generous hearts of Elk Point and district who have donated through the Tree of Hope program to assist the Elk Point Palliative Care Group.

Some of the lights on the tree are red, green and yellow, and were purchased by those wishing Season's Greetings to the community: Edith and Bob Mitchell; Willie and Val Poitras; to the Health Centre staff and their families from Barb Kaufman; the Gusnowski family; Marshall and Agnes Moroziuk; Milton and Stella Lorenson; Dianne, Rod, Mellissa and Nicole Petrie; Mike and Katherine Shymkiw; Larry and Lillian Demchuk; Isabel, Marshall and family.

Others are clear bulbs, purchased in memory of loved ones: Florence Lorenson from Milton and Stella Lorenson; Nick Pelech from Milton and Stella Lorenson; Frank Gusnowski from Paul and Leona Moneta; Carl Nelson from Gordon and Deanna Fakeley and family; Vera

Fakeley from Gordon and Deanna Fakeley and Family; Carl Nelson from Olive Nelson and family; John Pankow from Dennis and Amelia Jasinsky and family; Tom Kinch (brother and dad) from Mabel Dumont; Tom Dumont (son) from Mabel Dumont; Shiela Salter from Debbie Hahn; Barry Maas from Peggy Maas; Ross Maas from Peggy Maas; Joy McBride from Willie and Val Poitras; Gordon Kaufman from Barb Kaufman; Lena Kaufman from Barb Kaufman; Mark Kaufman from Barb Kaufman; Olga Dembicki from Marshall and Agnes Moroziuk; all the Long Term Care friends we have lost in the past ten years from Hughie Krucik; Jens Aarbo; Harry and Jean Kozicky from Darlene and Calvin Kozicky; Wanda Rothe from Joanne Bates; Bill Milholland from Barbara Milholland; George Wesly Milholland from Barbara Milholland; Olga Dembicki from Mike and Katherine Shymkiw; Elaine Derton (sister) from Carol Hellquist; Thea Rose Aarbo from Sandra Holthe; Helen Hillebrand from Ken, Nellie and Family; Mike Buksa from Hans, Rosemarie, Yonas and

Romy Rohner; Dave Lawrence from Brenda, Brad and Brian Poitras; Dawn Tremblay from Brenda Poitras; Olga Dembicki from Dianne Petrie; Jack Booth (dad) from Carol Hellquist.

The blue bulbs on the tree reflect special thoughts and prayers: for all the residents at Parkview from Stella and Milton Lorenson; Danette Laurin from Willie and Val Poitras; Ken Peavoy from Barb Kaufman; Karen Jean Kozicki from Darlene and Calvin Kozicky; May Booth from Phyllis Scott; Ila and all at Parkview from Phyllis Scott; All the Long Term Care residents from Ken and Nellie Hillebrand and family; all the Parkview residents from Rev. and Mrs. Hartley; Ron Onusko from Carolyn, Jim and Cassie, Grace Franks on her 101st birthday from Kristy, Maureen and Nicholas.

If you buy a bulb after the cut-off date, December 15, your name will not be in the paper but the bulb will be lit on the tree.

The Elk Point Palliative Care group would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. A peaceful and happy festive season to all.



HOME HARDWARE IS HOME AGAIN -- Home Hardware is back in Elk Point, with a handsome, larger new store opening last Monday on the site of the former Phil's Hardware which was destroyed by fire this past summer. Cal's Home Hardware management and staff, Lesia and Curtis Porcina, Diane Hawryluk and Doris Roberge are ready to serve the communi-

Coloring Contest winners

Winners in the Christmas Extravaganza Coloring Contest were: 5 and Under: Levi Henry, Alexis Miller and Lisa Shankowski; 6 to 8: Dustin Allen Costyk, Laura Antonio, Sara Kozicky, 9 to 12 - Tamara Berland. Any of the winners who have not received their prize, please contact Sherry Oszust at Kelly's Closet, 724-2738.

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From the FCSS desk...

Christmas and gratitude

By Deanna Easthope

FCSS Director

Christmas Day is almost here. For many of us the gift giving day is an exciting time we have looked forward to. Hopefully, as we are giving and receiving gifts, we will remember why we are celebrating this special day. After the gifts are received, I hope we will remember to say thank you. This word is so important. The Gift of Gratitude is an important gift that we can all share at Christmas time or any

other time of the year.

I remember as a child, one story in the New Testament that really made an impression on me. Do you remember the story of the Ten Lepers? As these lepers met Jesus, they "lifted up their voices, and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.'" Jesus told them to go show themselves unto the priest. (in those days, the priests declared them as lepers not to associate in society — likewise when they were cleansed, it was the priests who had to declare them able to

once more associate with people in society). "And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. "And fell down... at His feet, giving Him thanks... "And Jesus answering, said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?'"

As a child, I felt sad to think that only one out of the ten could say thank you. When these lepers received priestly approval, they must have

become overcome with joy and amazement. Having received so great a miracle, they seemed completely satisfied. But, they forgot their benefactor. It is difficult to understand why they were so lacking in gratitude.

As gratitude is absent or disappears, dissatisfaction and anger may enter out souls. As parents, we see this with some children. When they discovered they didn't get the gift for Christmas that they "really wanted," the child expresses their discontent. Then — it is most unlikely they will say thank you for the gift. When this happens, the purpose of the gift becomes lost. This is

sad. Then, there are times the gift may be just what the person wanted to receive — but, for some reason, they forget to say thank you.

A grateful heart is a beginning of greatness. It is an expression of humility, love, respect, contentment, happiness and well-being. As it can be said, if we "think to thank," it becomes the formula for enduring friendship, and a pattern for personal happiness.

On Christmas Day, I hope our thankful hearts will open our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us and that we will give gratitude to our benefactor.

Many prize winners at Extravaganza

Along with the grand prize winners of \$300, \$200 and \$100 in Elk Point Bucks, won by Jackie Whiffen-Peters, Chelsea Schnurer and Victor Stepa, Elk Point Christmas Extravaganza proved lucky for a number of shoppers who won in-store draws. Among these were:

Stedmans V & S: Ann Ruzycski, Sharon Jackson, Allan Piesinger.

Triple J Taxidermy and Woodcrafts: Linda Demers.

Critters Pet and Livestock Feed and Supply: Connie Capjack, Janet Lawrence.

Northbound 41: Doria Moneta, Tanice Olson.

Elk Point Mini Market: Albert Berland.

Florence's Country Crafts: Olga Melnyk, Coreen Hawkins, Hughie Krucik, Donna Babcock, Lois Yaremkevich, Jeannie Kwasnycia, Pat Zarowny, Darlene Harper, Erna Holliday,

Wendy McMurray, Denise Smereka, Diane Fraess.

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Capitol Drugs: June Kachmar, Anne Buck, Faye Sommerville, Jodi Antonio, Courtinee Bintz.

Lioness Christmas Tree Drop-Off

When you are done with your Christmas tree and don't know what to do with it,

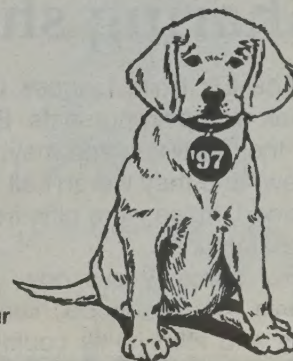
DROP IT OFF AT QUALITY TOOLS

In the enclosure and the trees will be mulched and used in community enhancement.

Please do so prior to January 20. Thank you.

Warm Wishes To Our Best Friends

May the holiday season fetch everything you want. We're really grateful for your loyalty and support.



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View Points



REID'S HELP OUT SANTA Roger Van Den Bossche of Reid's Welding, Elk Point, presented Susan Frisby of the Elk Point Lioness Club with a very generous donation toward the Lioness' Santas Anonymous project.

Sharing shows caring

The Elk Point Lioness Club spent an evening last week wrapping presents. But these presents were not for their families, and maybe not for anyone they even knew, and they weren't all from the Lioness members. Instead, these were gifts from the heart of a big-hearted community.

For some weeks now, there have been donation boxes in the schools, library and businesses where gifts and food items could be dropped off, and there have been donation jars in banks and businesses where people could drop in a few coins toward providing a happier Christmas season for those who may be a little strapped for cash, and who were wondering where to find a little something extra for Christmas.

They will wonder no more, when these boxes of food and gifts arrive at their door, courtesy of the generous people of this community, and the businesses and organizations who have added to the fund.

To all those who shared their bounty with the less fortunate, many thanks. You have helped to spread the joy of Christmas in a very special way.

Sky Watch

By Lois Ramer

Astronomy Buff

Hello fellow sky watchers..... young, old, in-between!

"Thank you, Pat (our 'senior' neighbor) for your moon shots." "Glenn, your very encouraging and 'wild' comment regarding SKY WATCH is greatly appreciated!" To my brother Rick who has now viewed the Great Northern Cross for the first time... "that was a pleasure." To all of us who join together to embrace the universe in a special way.... "CHEERS!"

Were any of you able to get an early morning view in your camera of the December 8th conjunction of Venus and the last quarter moon? In our 'neck of the woods' it was very cloudy... as I cried. But it was out there for others to enjoy and be blessed by. Venus is such a popular planet, and also deceiving. The 'lady', when she is low often doubles the number of UFO believers reports to police. What a laugh she must have! Perhaps you'd like to see a picture of the October last quarter moon sit-

Did you see the meteors?

ting proudly and perfectly in our tree branches. The moon is a super celestial object for 'natural' night, trick photography. (Sorry, we were unable to run the photo. - Editor)

Another recent beautiful sky 'greeting' was the Geminid meteor shower on Friday, December, 13th. The excitement of my traveling partner that eve; Jill Q, as she observed numerous meteoroids made it challenging to keep the vehicle on the pavement. That occurred at approximately 10:00 p.m. Much earlier in the evening, at 5:30 when meteoroids aren't generally seen I observed a verybright and close one which fell straight down from the sky... vertically. One never knows what will greet our wondering eyes when we look out at the night skies. By the way, a meteoroid is called a meteorite if it reaches earth's surface. They most generally burn out at 30 - 50 miles from earth. Wow wee! That's close!

December 24th, Christmas Eve, the skies will have a special gift for us... full moon. Does the big, fat friendly guy ever become uninteresting. For

a 91 year old sky watcher who lives in the eastern United States, the moon provides monthly entertainment and inspiration. This lady, my momma, phoned our house at 2:10 a.m. several months ago. We stood at our separate (by 3000 miles) windows and enjoyed the sight of the brightest object in the night sky together. Hey kids, why not try that with your Grandma or Grandpa if they live far away. It's a wonderfully fun way to be connected though physically apart.

Speaking of Grandma and Grandpa... I wonder if any of you went out shopping for moon skates for your grandkids when the media reported ice being discovered on the moons surface? By the time this gal's a Granny there shouldn't be too much trouble finding a pair.

In SKY WATCH of January 1997 there will be information regarding an excursion to the Edmonton Space Science Center and sky observatory for some local youth. Until next month. Keep looking up... a very inexpensive and inspiring hobby.

'Tis the season to be power smart

It's that time of year when you string up the Christmas lights to signal another season of cheer. But adding the extra light can put a burden on your power bill. How can you keep the cost down? Just ask Rob Falconer at TransAlta's Energy Matters hotline, 1-800-267-5300.

"Consider replacing your seven-watt bulbs with five-watt bulbs and put reflectors behind them," says Falconer. "You'll need far fewer lights to get that bright, festive effect and you'll

cut down on the energy you use."

Another safe tip is turning off Christmas tree lights when no one is in the room. Not only does it save energy, it reduces the risk of fire. You can also avoid fire hazards by making sure your bulbs are not touching any needles, as Christmas trees dry out over the holiday season.

While indoor tree lights should never be put on a timer, the idea is a good one for outside. "Put a timer on your out-

door Christmas lights so they won't be forgotten when you're away," says Falconer. "Use insulated staples and light hooks to hold the strings of Christmas lights in place, so the cord's insulation is not punctured. Hang them pointing downward to keep moisture out of sockets. And remember to remove outdoor Christmas lights in the spring to prevent cord deterioration." Falconer reminds everyone to use only lights that are CSA certified for outdoor use.

Pets find danger under the Christmas tree

By the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

Some of the things that make Christmas special for people — the tree, the food, the company — can be dangerous for pets. Veterinarians across Alberta are reminding pet owners of some of the hazards that exist for pets at the holiday season.

"Christmas should be a joyful time for the whole family, including the family pet," says Dr. Brent Jackson, President of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association. "By taking a few simple precautions, people can make sure their pets stay safe and healthy." Some of these pre-

cautions include:

Food: Avoid giving Christmas food to pets. Chocolate is poisonous, fat can cause severe stomach upset and small bones from a turkey or ham can lodge in the throat. Keep plants well out of reach. Holly and mistletoe are extremely poisonous and poinsettia leaves can cause severe stomach upset.

Christmas tree: Make sure your tree is well secured. Make the water in the base inaccessible. Keep tinsel and breakable ornaments well out of reach. Clean up pine needles as they may cause internal damage if ingested. Keep candles and elec-

trical cords safely out of the way.

Company: with everyone coming and going, make sure your pet has proper identification and watch for open doors. Give your pet a break in a quiet place when all the new faces get too stressful.

If your pet should become sick or injured over the holidays, contact your veterinarian. Every veterinary clinic has a 24-hour emergency phone number for help after hours and during holiday times. If you don't know what your clinic's number is, call and find out — it might help make Christmas merry for everyone.

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From FGM: a gift of music

F. G. Miller High School rang with music last Wednesday evening, as the school presented their annual pre-Christmas music concert.

The Crusader Band started off the evening with two old favorites, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "We Three Kings," ending their first set with the lesser-known "Whence Comes This Rush of Wings."

Guest artist Kelsey Mueller presented a vocal rendition of "We Rise Again," accompanied by Udo Mueller on piano.

Laurie Keichinger offered a moving vocal, "Love Has Come."

A brass quartet, consisting of three saxophones and a

trombone, played by Joanne deMoissac, Carlen Mutch, Tanya Pankiw and Amanda Leaf played "Up On The House Top."

An entirely different kind of instrumental came from a band called "Electric Lettuce," consisting of Shaun Cameron, Loren Kozicky, Jason Morris and Tyson Lawrence, who performed "Gliserine."

Pam Jabush sang a powerful version of Shania Twain's "God Bless the Child."

The Crusader Band returned with "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Deck the Halls" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."

Tori Warawa and Taralee Babenek concluded the concert with an alto sax duet, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."



THE CRUSADER BAND presented a number of Christmas favorites to start off the season on a musical note.



4-H BENEFITS FRO WREATH SALE -- One of the groups who participated in the Silent Auction of trees, wreaths and swags was Elk Point 4-H MultiClub. Their handsome wreath went home with Claire Ference, who presents 4-H representative. Robyn Danyluk with a cheque for the purchase price.

RCMP asks: snowmobile safely and courteously

By Sgt. P. M. Sherstan
Elk Point Detachment

With the large snowfall in the past few weeks, snowmobile season is well underway. Here are a few reminders that will make your winter safer and more enjoyable. First of all, remember that all snow machines operating off of private property must be registered and have valid insurance. Your machine can be seized if you do not comply with these requirements.

Secondly, many farmers were not able to complete the harvest this fall due to the unpredictable weather. This means that there are still many acres of land with standing crops that will be harvested in the spring. Although the snow may hide the crops it does not protect them from snowmobile traffic which could cost the producer thousands of dollars in losses. Therefore, be sure you have permission to tra-

verse any private lands before you pass over. Failure to do so could result not only in financial hardship for the farmer but also in legal action against the snow machine operator. Section 23 of the Alberta Off Highway Vehicle Act states that "A person who operates an off highway vehicle without reasonable consideration for other persons or property is guilty of an offence." Up to a \$1000 fine is possible for contravening this section.

Finally, remember that your snow machine is considered a motor vehicle, and therefore the laws that cover impaired driving are exactly the same whether you are in your truck on Highway 28 or on your snowmobile in a neighbor's field. The number one contributing factor to snowmobile related deaths is alcohol. So don't drink and drive, on the road or on the snow.

Calling all Cross Country enthusiasts!

Christmas vacation is a great time to get outdoors for some exercise, and to try out those new cross country skis you found under the tree. Here is an event custom made for just that activity.

Vermilion Nordic Ski Club is hosting a Candy Cane Crunch Cross Country Ski Tour on the trails at Whitney Lake, starting at 11:00 a.m. on December 28. For more information, call Joe Van Peteghen at 853-4962.



Town Council notes

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Jay Duffee has been hired to take the place of Mark Williams, who resigned his new post as water treatment operator and returned to his previous job in Slave Lake.

Mayor Ed Buck gave Council a rundown on his meeting with the Northern Mayors Caucus, which he said is an informal caucus which

identifies problems and supports municipalities in their common goals. The recently formed group was given "unanimous support to continue," Buck said. "We really have an agenda of what we're going to do" at upcoming meetings. Power deregulation and support for a national highway program were two of the items discussed at this past meeting.

Elk Point lights up

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have Santa and his reindeer, a snow family and other figures as part of their scene.

A number of homes received Honorable Mention: Pauline Pankiw, Tony and Yvette Bochon, Mike and Karen Meyenburg, Russ and Terry Hebblethwaite and Ron Lesyk.

In the Commercial section, Elk Point Co-op, with window paintings, giant snowflakes and miles of garland, took first place. Ace Pizza, with lights, bows, handmade snowflakes and a whole lineup of stockings ready for Santa, placed second. Third went to the Alberta Treasury Branch with their trio of Christmas trees.

Honorable mentions go to the Plaza 75 Mall merchants, Kelly's Closet, Florence's Country Crafts and Woody's Trophy and Gifts.

Institutional top honors went to Buckingham House, with cheerful green lighting and a herd of reindeer, while the nativity scene at the United Church placed second. The cheery Noel greeting at Fort George Manor tied with the Town of Elk Point's bright red Christmas tree near the Library for third place. The Town's star-topped radio antenna was also noted by the judges, who were happy to see lights cheering up the industrial section.



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Happy New Year!

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Elementary School in concert: Part 1

Elk Point Elementary School students played to a packed house both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, as they presented their annual Christmas Concerts.

Wednesday's concert was presented by the Monday / Wednesday ECS, Grades 1, 3 and 5, and was emceed by Kyla Ference and Jonathan Buryn. The afternoon began with O Canada, led by Michelle Friesen.

What happens when it's Playtime in Santa's Workshop? Miss Ockerman's ECS showed elves dancing the Macarena to the music of a reindeer band, while a sombreroed Santa shakes the maracas. Then they all join in to sing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Mr. Buryn's Grade 5 music classes partnered "On A Starlit Night" with the old favorite, "Silent Night," with Erica Lind on keyboard joining Buryn in the accompaniment. Then for something totally different, Kyrie Loughran, as the Mooing Cow Bernice and Darcy Ockerman as the Top Dog led the group and audience in a fun number entitled "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas."

Christmas time for teddy bears is a lot more than sitting under a tree, so we discover in Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1A presentation, "A Teddy Bear Christmas." This large family of teddies find that the season means way more than big jars of honey, Bearbie dolls and NinTeddy systems. Their big brother Theodore can't come home from college, and it's breaking their mother's heart. The bear kids declare they would gladly give up their presents if Theodore could be with them, and Santa is so impressed that he delivers their brother along with the gifts.

Not all bears have big families around them at the festive season. In fact, the grumpy old Griz who lives in the forest with the squirrels, rabbits and birds doesn't even know what Christmas is like — he can never stay awake that long. No wonder he's bad tempered. The other creatures in Mrs. Wozniak's 1B class decide to see that "The Griz Gets Christmas" — they have it in May, when he's wide awake and able to enjoy it.

We've all heard of Santa's reindeer, but what about his rainmoose? Mr. Bilak's Grade 5Bs tell the tale of this unusual creature, "Randy the Red Horned Rainmoose," who has come from the rainforest to work as the janitor in Santa's workshop. Poor Randy is constantly plagued by the messy work habits of the elves. He has to keep sweeping up after them. What a boring job! However, when Christmas Eve comes and Rudolph is running a fever and is too sick to make the flight, Santa enlists Randy, with his wonderful glowing antlers, to lead the team through a very unseasonal rainstorm.

"Gifts and Treats" — what would Christmas be without them? Mrs. Long's Grade 3A students show us just that. The enticing candy, the glittering, decorated trees, the gaily wrapped presents are all important, but as the gingerbread man tells them, the most important part of the season is love.

As we all know, a lot can go wrong at Christmas. "Santa's Problem" is one we usually find AFTER Christmas — he's too fat to fly. Not only that, the relaxing summer has left him far too chubby to fit in his suit. What to do? Join the elves and reindeer in an aerobics class, of course. This works so well that his pants are now way too big! Some dedicated eating gets him back into shape just in time for Christmas eve, in Mr. Hymanik's Grade 3B production.

Ms Capijack-Hugo's Grade 5A students explored "The True Meaning of Christmas" in the final number of Wednesday's concert. Grandpa remembers the time, way back, that Christmas almost didn't come. In fact, the King had declared that there would be no presents, no carols, no celebrations — and sent his Chamberlain to read the proclamation. The Christmas

Fairy, when she drops in to do her Christmas checkup, finds everyone gloomy, and is determined to cheer everyone up. The Spirits of Christmas arrive on Christmas eve, just as the Chamberlain has called everyone together to make sure nothing in the way of fun is happening. Strangely enough, everyone defies the king — there isn't any feasting, or presents, or decorations, but they still have the spirit of Christmas in their hearts, a spirit so strong that even the king relents and joins in the celebration.

Mayor Ed Buck and School Division representative Carmen Brodziak brought seasonal greetings from their jurisdictions. Buck said he was "reminiscing about concerts when I was that age," and led a round

of applause for the teachers and school staff for all their work in producing the concert. Mrs. Brodziak said the concert "gives parents the opportunity to see what is going on in the school... It's going far beyond what we used to do."

Principal Don Conrad said "the magic of Christmas invades us. It would be wonderful if we could keep it in our hearts forever." He thanked the community for their attendance, the parent volunteers, staff and concert coordinator Don Buryn for all their efforts toward the concert.

Winners of the ECS raffle were Horace Osinchuk, Deanna Letestu, Ann Capiack, Jane Dikeman, Steve Kozina and Louise Krissa.



TOWARD A SLIMMER SANTA -- The jolly old elf joins his workshop crew and the reindeer in the ups and downs of an aerobics class.



THE BEST GIFT OF ALL for the Bear family is to have college student Theodore come home for Christmas, thanks to Santa Claus.



IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE SEASON -- but neither trees, candy, presents or gingerbread men are as important as love.

Elementary School in concert: Part 2

The second edition of Elk Point Elementary's 1996 Christmas Concert went Thursday afternoon with another large and appreciative audience. This time Kristyn Ballas and Grayson Bilak handled the MC duties, while once again Michelle Friesen led the singing of O Canada.

The Tuesday/Thursday ECS, instructed by Miss Ockerman, started off the concert with "Chick a Chick a Boom Boom," as garland-haloed tots told us what the alphabet does at Christmas time.

Mr. Buryn's combined Grade 4 music classes presented two numbers, "Colors of Christmas" and a lively action song, "A Round 'Bout Winter."

An original play by Mr. Sereda's 6B students, told about "Rudolph's Dilemma." One autumn, Rudolph didn't grow antlers. This might not be a problem for some reindeer, but Rudolph definitely needed them to keep him balanced for flying. The North Pole veterinarian had no solutions, either, but some of the elves had a suggestion: the shopping channel. They were giving free antlers with every purchase. Those that came with the food dehydrator were only half there, the ab-flex came with stringy spray-can antlers, the knives came with a coatrack. One came with moose horns — much too big. Finally, in the last box with a fancy reindeer collar (complete with very long electric cord to go around the world), was a set "Just like the ones I used to grow," Rudolph enthused. The rest of the purchases? Well, Santa hadn't had time to buy Mrs. Santa a gift yet...

Santa is involved in all parts of getting ready for Christmas at the North Pole, according to the elves in Mrs. Richard's

Grade 4B. "Santa and Me" showed them making cookies, getting a tree, making a rather ratty looking wreath, but enjoying it all together. Their preparations complete, they enjoyed a rhythm-band-accompanied sleigh ride.

Problems, problems. Now it's "Santa's Big Problem:" he can't find his suit. The multiple Santas of Mrs. Conrad's Grade 2B find all sorts of outfits, from a pirate costume to a cowboy suit, from Spiderman to Don Cherry, but the familiar red suit is nowhere to be found — until Mrs. Santa comes back from shopping and tells him to open his Christmas gift. It's a brand new Santa suit, and she has one to match, so she can go along on the Christmas eve flight.

Seven xylophones, a bongo and a kettle drum accompanied the "March of the Christmas Children," performed by the Grade 6 music classes. They followed up with "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Miss Grabas and her Grade 4As put on "A Really Big Show," with Santa so preoccupied with his own gift to himself, a big screen TV, that he becomes a couch potato and can't stop flicking the channel changer long enough to get ready for Christmas. Even the Christmas shoppers going berserk in downtown Elk Point (which he saw while searching the channels for a Grey Cup rerun) couldn't motivate him. A trio of would-be Pavarottis drew huge applause when Santa summoned those to his screen. It was getting down to zero hour when Santa finally came to his senses and started loading the sleigh. As they flew out of sight, Mrs. Santa settled down for her turn with the channel changer.

And what about Mrs. Claus? Did you ever wonder how she

and Santa met? All is revealed in Mr. Meger's Grade 6A's "Story of Mrs. C." Santa was out shopping one day in a large department store when he quite literally ran into a young lady, who dropped a package containing her precious teapot. Quite horrified at her tears, he summons his sleigh and reindeer and whisk her off to the North Pole (a rather bleak and inhospitable spot, at that time) where the elves fix the teapot good as new and she sets about making herself indispensable by making cookies and finding great potential for decorating. Santa is enchanted and asks her to make it her permanent home. The whirlwind courtship has left her with no regrets to this very day, she vows.

The concert drew to a close with "The Sound of Music at Christmas," a very ambitious project of Mrs. Boothman and Grade 2A. A choir of nuns and another of angels, plus a pint-sized Julie Andrews type, ensure that the hills are alive with the sound of music, while a sturdy young goatherd is entranced by the sound, and of

the Baby who comes to rest in a rustic manger.

Thursday's concertgoers heard greetings from School Board representative Ray Danyluk, who felt it was "definitely another success. These concerts are getting better all the time." He commended the teachers and staff on the original and unique production.

Principal Don Conrad drew the crowd's attention to the many stars which cover the

hall ceilings throughout the school. Each has a child or staff member's name, along with "warm fuzzies" about that person. They are part of the school's current theme, "Follow Your Star."

The ECS raffle winners were Gerry Lee (winning twice), Linda Kurek, Lisa Nielsen, Ray Danyluk, Rachel Dallaire and Rose Kozicky. Linda Hammond won the Grade 5A draw for a hundred loonies.



MRS. C's NORTH POLE ROMANCE -- all started with a tempest over a teapot, but has lasted happily ever after.



THE ABCS OF CHRISTMAS are set to celebrate the season.



THE HILLS ARE ALIVE with the sounds of Christmas music, as a young goatherd gazes in awe at the precious Baby who has come to rest in a humble manger.



TOO HEAVY TO FLY WITH -- Rudolph finds moose horns a bit much too handle, when his own don't grow in time.

Merry Christmas to all the Elementary entertainers!



SCENE OF THE CRIME -- RCMP Constable Chris de la Giroday and a group of students examine the evidence.

Pioneer Circle bingo

December 9, 1996

Olga Ruzycki \$30, Marge Heffernan \$30, Carol Aulotte \$30, Henry Moosepayo \$30, Anton Zarowny \$10, Alice Drielech \$10, Leona Durocher \$10, Sophie Stamp \$15, Delpha Quinney \$15, Bill Dewey \$15, Olga Mudryk \$15, Alphonse Amahoose \$30, Dan Demchuk \$30, Anton Zarowny \$30, Debbie Orr \$30, Brenda Paul \$30, Lloyd Gladue \$30, Adella Jennissen \$30, Lillian Sass \$15, Virginia Smereka \$15, Dan Demchuk \$25, Annette Jenkins \$25, Alphonse Amahoose \$20, Marge Heffernan \$10, James Moosepayo \$10, Pearl Anderson \$10, Olga Ruzycki \$25, Sylvia Delver \$25, Reese Desjarlais \$83, Marline Smith \$60, Stanley Jendruck \$30, Ron Fryngpan \$30, Debbie Orr \$15, Lillian Sass \$15.

December 16, 1996

Olga Ruzycki \$30, Mary Fortin \$30, Debbie Orr \$30, Marci Belli \$30, Vic Aarbo \$30, Vivian Cardinal \$6, Kathy Zarowny \$6, Jackie Youngchief \$6, Mary Desjarlais \$6, Jerry John \$6, Bruce Desjarlais \$60, Christina Brown \$30, Olga Ruzycki \$15, Hazel Hannah \$15, Anton Zarowny \$6, Marci Belli \$6, Vivian Cardinal \$6, Sophie Stamp \$6, Florence Oppessino \$6, Bruce Desjarlais \$30, Pauline Chomlak \$30, Christina John \$30, Lena Kuziw \$15, Bill Dewey \$15, Janet Oszust \$26, Brenda Paul \$35, Mike Watchmaker \$26, Lorna Foster \$87, Christina Brown \$136, Brenda Faithful \$45, Lucy Smereka \$45, Jean Russell \$45, Janet Oszust \$45, Alice Drielech \$15, Lil Sass \$15, Florence Oppessino \$15.

Mystery solved at F. G. Miller

By Denise Smereka

Alibi Coordinator, Librarian

She was young, She was blonde. She was beautiful. She was dead.

On December 9, 1996, a murder occurred at F. G. Miller High School... murder mystery, that is!

Ruby Keene had recently come from England to live with her sister Josephine Turner in Calgary. Josephine was able to get Ruby a sales clerk job in the high fashion clothing store, Caprice, which she managed for a wealthy businessman, Conway Jefferson.

Ruby was found lying on the rug in Colonel and Mrs. Bantry's living room and no one knew why, least of all, Arthur.

The police have come and taken statements from each of the five suspects. The suspects are:

Arthur Bantry — business associate of Conway Jefferson and accountant for Caprice

Dolly Bantry — Arthur's dear wife

Conway Jefferson — wealthy businessman and friend to Josephine and Ruby

Mark Gaskell — Ruby's ex-boyfriend

Josephine Turner — Ruby's sister

The Science Alberta Foundation and R. E. Beattie Library presented ALIBI, a forensic science program in a crate to students from grade 6 through 12. This was the second murder mystery to be held in the science lab at the high school. In an action-packed four days, the students, in their English and Language Arts classes, spent an 80-minute period in the lab sifting through evidence, drawing conclusions and determining which of the five suspects actually committed the crime.

After all was said and done, 88% of the students who entered the whodunit draw box were right. Josephine Turner, the victim's sister, committed the murder by carbon monoxide poisoning. Her motives were jealousy (Ruby had taken up with Conway and was entering a business partnership with him) and blackmail (Josephine was skimming funds out of Caprice and Ruby inadvertently found out). Josephine drugged and then placed Ruby in her car to finish the crime, and finally placed the body in the Bantry living room. She even tried to cover her tracks by stealing the damning evidence from the accountant's office.

The strange twist to the story is that Ruby and Josephine are twin sisters. A set of prints in one of the labs was a mirror image of the dead Ruby's (something none of us really caught on to). This murder mystery was a bit more complicated than the last. Conway Jefferson also looked very guilty when he lied about his alibi the night of the crime. There was a whole lot of evidence to take in and try to understand.

I would like to thank all the students who participated in the program and the staff that came in to help out when they could. The parent and community volunteers were the cornerstone of the program, helping each group of students that came through. Special thanks to Barb Anderson, Barb Croteau, Ron Onusko, Diane Young, Sharil Baumgardner, Maureen Ference, Frank and Doreen Mayner, Donna Yaremkevich, Sherry Pelech, Elizabeth Kozak, Gayle Fakeley, Tracy Metz, Lisa Nielsen, Doris Wilson, Faye Sommerville, Lois Mutch, David Pilisko, Const. Chris, Jane Lowe, Terry Hebblethwaite, Darlene Kozicky, and Mavis Smereka. Volunteers, your help was so vital to the program that I cannot begin to express my thanks. My letter to Santa

will include all your names. Special thanks to Doris Wilson (alias Cataloguer) for helping set up the program on the Friday that it arrived. You saved me a good three hours. The Elk Point Health Centre also played a big role in the program's success. Resuscitation Annie played the role of Ruby in the Body Bag. Thank you for letting her play the part and for loaning us three lab coats for our volunteers to wear. Thank you to Elk Point RCMP for donating the crime scene tape and Const. Chris for spending the afternoon with us trying to solve the crime.

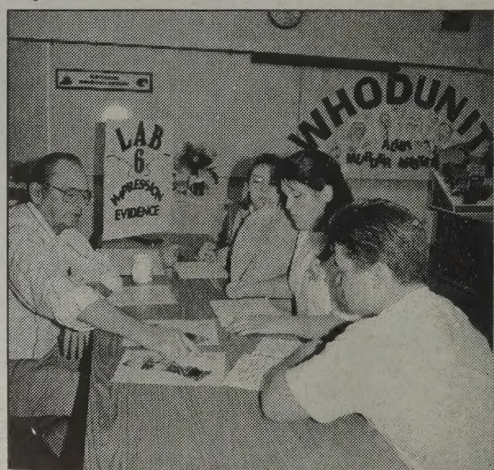
The Crusaders also went out of their way to make the program a success. Thanks to Leslie Hillebrand who picked up and took the program back to the bus depot, brought police crime scene tape from the RCMP station, and spent a whole four days worth of spares helping his fellow students go through the program. Kathy Kozina also helped out a great deal and came in on her spares to help other Crusaders through the labs. On Thursday afternoon, Kathy also helped pack the program up.

There were some Grade 9 Crusaders that I would also like to thank. They provided the program with drawings of the suspects and victim. Thanks go to Jessie Parragh (Josephine Turner), Travis Brown (Conway Jefferson) Julie Bergstrom and Kylee Saranchuk (Dolly Bantry), Levi May and Keri Myshaniuk (Arthur Bantry), Crystal Smith (Mark Gaskell) and Len Hoac (Ruby Keene, the victim). They were a great interpretation of the players.

To close the case, I would again like to thank all those people who were involved in the program, both in big and small ways. I hope I did not forget anyone. The Science Alberta Foundation did an excellent job to raise the awareness of science and promote careers in forensic science with this program. Thanks to Amber Kopeck and Carrie Baumgardner for doing the tallies up. The results were: Josephine Turner — 116; Arthur Bantry — 42; Conway Jefferson — 75; Mark Gaskell — 9; Dolly — 1; Ruby — 1; Josephine and Arthur — 7; Arthur and Conway — 1; Conway and Josephine — 5; Josephine and Mark — 1; Dolly and Josephine — 2.

Out of the 116 who chose Josephine, five winners were drawn by Kathy Kozina. They were: Julie Whiffen Peters (whodunit book), Tracy Carson (whodunit book), Tara Campbell (mini-puzzle), Kali Cousins (mini-puzzle) and the winner of the 3-D Murder Mystery Tower Puzzle was Jordan West. Congratulations to the winners.

Until our next crime.... Have a very Merry, Mysterious Christmas.



WHODUNIT? FGM teacher Norm McCowan pores over footprints found during the investigation, helped by a group of students.

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What's news at the library?

It's Christmas, and music is everywhere

By Michele Duczek

Librarian

This is the time of year when Christmas songs are everywhere. Stores play them while you're shopping. Companies play them while you're on hold. Radio stations play them almost constantly. People are always on the verge of breaking into them (songs, not companies). With this in mind I present a musical column.

We all know Rudolph, the most famous reindeer of all, but what do you call the other reindeer? Olive (the other reindeer).

Did you know that **The Christmas Song** (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) was written one very hot summer afternoon in California? Mel Torme and his co-writer penned the tune in an attempt to forget about the heat. Incidentally, while Nat King Cole's version of the song is a bona fide classic, Mel's own recording is great.

Other classic Christmas recordings included **Mary's Boy Child** by Harry Belafonte, **Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer** by Gene Autry, **White Christmas** by Bing Crosby, **Adeste Fideles** by Luciano Pavarotti, and Dicken's **A Christmas Carol** performed by Patrick Stewart.

Nearly everyone has a version of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Here is another one:

ELK POINT LIBRARY'S TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Roads and sidewalks very icy.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

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Three sets of mittens... brrr, two...

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

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On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Five hot bestsellers, four...

Christmas Eve service planned

The Christian Community Church of Elk Point, 4802 - 53 Street, invites you to attend their Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., with Reverend Sam Donaldson.

Everyone welcome.

Thank You

ZAROWNY, Louie

Sincere thanks to all families, friends and neighbors who gave their support during the loss of our Father and Gido.

Thanks to Elk Point Lodge and Elk Point Hospital for the care they provided.

Bernard & Mary Zarowny & Children

NEVER FAIL - This Novena is to be said every hour for nine consecutive hours, just one day. O Jesus, who has said, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it shall be opened to you," through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayers be granted (make request) O Jesus, who has said, "All you ask of the Father in my name He will grant you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy most Holy Mother." I humble and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name that my prayers be granted (make request) O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass but my word shall not pass," through the intercession of Mary Thy Most Holy Mother. I feel confident that my prayers will be granted (make request). Publication promised to make Novena known.

In Memoriam

ELIUK, Vera

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, who passed away on December 26, 1994.

*Those we love don't go away,
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On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Six seasonal videos, five...

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On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Eight dozen cookies, seven...

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Nine reference questions, eight...

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Ten Dewy numbers, nine...

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Eleven Christmas cards, ten...

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

Twelve hours of carols, eleven...

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

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"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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Heinsburg holds annual craft and bake sale

By Brenda Bintz
Heinsburg School

There was walking room only in the Heinsburg School gym on Saturday, December 7. The craft and bake tables lined the walls and centre core. The quality and quantity pleased the shoppers, both young and old. The day was well attended.

The proceeds from the table rentals, chili sale and baking at the Headstart table go toward the Headstart Program. The Headstart Program is a nutritious snack the elementary students receive each morning. The chili was donated by the staff and the baking was donated by the staff and parents.

This year's craft sale was dedicated to the memory of Tish Hope. She had been a regular volunteer at the school. Tish passed away this past month; she died of cancer.

The Class of '97 were also in on the fundraising Saturday. They had chocolate sales and photos with Santa. Participants that sat on Ole Saint Nick received a candy cane the Grade 12s held up through the photos.

The school staff and students would like to thank those who donated door prizes and

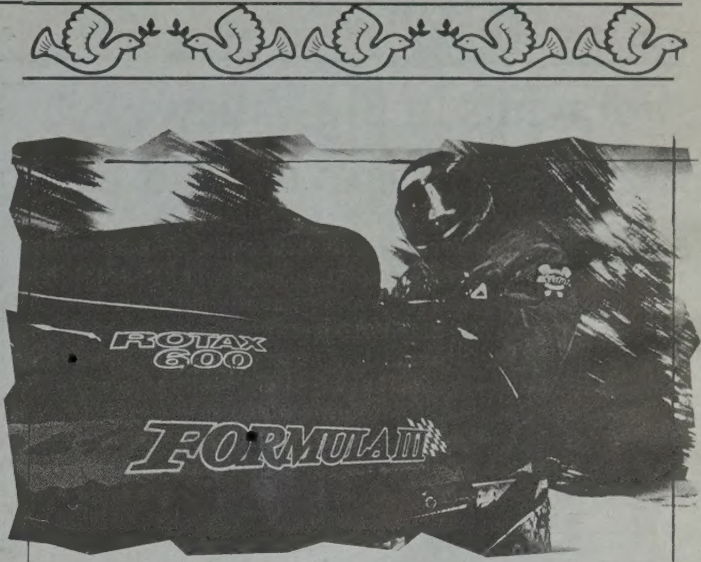


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cash to the Headstart Program: Sharkey's Service, FCSS, County of St. Paul, Frog Lake Board of Education, Jostens Canada Ltd., Park Restaurant, Coca Cola, Heinsburg Community School, Parent Council, Linway Arts, Cottage Industries, Brian and Cindy Clarke, Laura and Max Desjarlais, Heinsburg School staff, Darrell and Doreen Youngmans, Ina Gillespie, Vinges.

Door prizes were won by Edna Barstad, Brendan Bishop, Leigha Bishop, Courtinee Bintz, Levi Bristow, Virginia

Bristow, Derek Burke, Brad Fakeley, Doris Gunderson, Tom Holliday, Jill Hope, Adam Hymanyk, Colton Hymanyk, Chelsea Illingworth, Krista Isaac, Ivy Isert, Laci Jacobson, Donald Kjenner, Lillian Laboucane, Vicki Lumley, Carol-Ann Lyon, Josh Lyon, Matthew Lyon, Donna Lypka, Arlene Nelson, Lauren Peters, George Sanders, Bryce Sereda, Emmeline Toews, Eva Unruh, Carla Vinge, Rosemary Vinge, Denise Ward, Bailey Youngmans, Brett Youngmans, Brittany Youngmans, Doreen Youngmans, Liz Zayac.



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Selected Styles

Minor Hockey News

Storm hits in Big Valley, Lightning strikes in Cold Lake

By Doug Bassett

Elk Point Minor Hockey

Last weekend the midget Thunder did not give the team reporter much to write about, or the crowd much to cheer about. The Vermilion Tigers, a team the Thunder had defeated a week earlier, shut down the big guns 4-0 Friday night, December 13. On Sunday, December 15, the injury-ridden Thunder, playing with only two lines and three defencemen, returned home at midnight, in the blowing snowstorm after losing 6-5 to Pierceland.

Storm wins Big Valley C Side

Now some good news: Down in Big Valley on the December 14 and 15 weekend the Midget Girls Storm won the C side of their first tournament, defeating Calmar in the final 3-0. Kandice Bjornstad won the game MVP, scoring 3 goals and goaltender Alicia Nielsen recorded her first shutout. The Storm's youngest player, Kristen Campbell, reecorded her first assist.

Lightning Wins "B" in Cold Lake

Meanwhile, down on the farm, Bantam Lightning won first on the B side at a tournament in Cold Lake.

Novice makes comeback for win

And on a big bus trip up in Lac La Biche, the Novice team came back from a 7-2 deficit to win the game 12 - 9.

Atom 2 second in Vermilion

Elk Point Atom 2 had a successful tournament in Vermilion, finishing second to Vegreville in the final on Sunday, December 15. The coaches and parents were very pleased with the great effort and teamwork the players put into the the games, especially on Sunday when they played three games. The team won 3 of 5 games. Thanks to two novice players who helped out.

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This holiday season, don't take unnecessary chances. Use the designated driver system, public transportation, call a taxi or stay overnight. Or be a trendsetter by hosting an alcohol-free New Year's party in your home.

Whatever you do, DON'T drink and drive. We want to see you again next year.

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